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## TITANIC WARNED TO LOOK OUT FOR ICEBERGS ON SUNDAY NIGHT, SAYS WIRELESS OPERATOR

### NEBRASKA AND OREGON BAGGED BY ROOSEVELT

Colonel Captures Twenty-four Delegates in Two Western States.

### WILSON LEADING IN BRYAN'S HOME

Fight for Bourne's Seat in Senate Is Still Undecided.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

Nebraska, with sixteen, and Oregon, with eight delegates to the Republican national convention, are today added to the column with the Roosevelt instructions.

Oregon named La Follette as its second choice, Taft running a poor third. Figures are not yet given, the advice from the Coast being meager. Advice through the press associations, the Oregon members of Congress and the political committees are, however, agreed on the essential facts.

The belief is that Taft ran considerably better than in North Dakota where the total progressive vote—Roosevelt and La Follette together—was just about forty times the Taft vote. In Oregon, it is thought, Taft is only beaten about five to one.

In the Democratic fight, Wilson is reported leading, and the Jerseyman's followers are confident of carrying the delegation.

#### Contest Important.

Nebraska's contest was regarded as more important than that of Oregon in both parties, and the Roosevelt victory has caused much rejoicing at Roosevelt headquarters, because the Taft and La Follette people are charged with having double-teamed in both these States in the effort to keep Roosevelt out at any cost.

Nebraska's Senatorial fight is of great interest. Senator Norris Brown is fighting for a renomination and Congressman George W. Norris is opposing him. "My friends wire me that it's awfully close; that's all I know about it," said Senator Brown this morning. "It will take till Monday to know whether Norris or I get the nomination."

"On the Presidential result there seems to be no uncertainty. My advice is that Roosevelt has got away with it, with some suggestion that he has polled more votes than both the other candidates."

The Senatorial contest in Oregon is reported very close between Bourne and Ben Selling, a Portland merchant. Selling is a Hebrew, a leader in business, and has put up a very active and aggressive campaign. The biggest issue in the State has been parcels post, which Bourne has urged in season and out, thereby getting the country town people arrayed against him. The farmers and the cities have been expected to come through strong for him, and to save the day.

#### Portland For Bourne.

The county of Multnomah (Portland) went for Bourne by about 3,000. That gave him a good apparent start; but the country towns then began to send returns, generally hostile to Bourne; the farmers have not yet been heard from, and the result is decidedly in doubt.

Fragmentary returns from all of the six Nebraska Congressional districts up to this forenoon, placed the strength of the candidates as follows:

First district—Roosevelt, 2,142; Taft, 1,091; La Follette, 1,384.  
Second district—Roosevelt, 1,812; Taft, 1,064; La Follette, 490.  
Third district—Roosevelt, 1,897; Taft, 641; La Follette, 358.  
Fourth district—Roosevelt, 1,090; Taft, 313; La Follette, 401.  
Fifth district—Roosevelt, 110; Taft, 278; La Follette, 183.  
Sixth district—Roosevelt, 516; Taft, 138; La Follette, 283.

These figures give Roosevelt a considerable lead over the combined strength of both his opponents. Today's balance sheet of the political situation shows that there have been elected to date 64 delegates to the

#### WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers late tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer tonight.

TEMPERATURES.			
U. S. BUREAU.	APRIL 20.	APRIL 19.	APRIL 18.
8 a. m.	48	8 a. m.	56
9 a. m.	51	9 a. m.	58
10 a. m.	53	10 a. m.	60
11 a. m.	55	11 a. m.	62
12 noon.	56	12 noon.	63
1 p. m.	58	1 p. m.	65
2 p. m.	59	2 p. m.	67

J. BRUCE ISMAY TESTIFYING BEFORE SENATOR WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH'S INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK CITY.



## TAFT TO DROP BIG BOMBS UNDER FOES, FRIENDS HERE SAY

In Massachusetts Speeches Next Week President Will Spring Surprise, It Is Declared.

Canceling all the engagements he had made for this morning, President Taft went to work today on what is promised will be the greatest political speech of the present campaign.

Congressmen and Senators who brought the usual crowd of handshakers and others who had matters of state to discuss were informed, after their arrival at the Executive office, that Mr. Taft was at work in his study and would see no one.

An exception was made in the case of Secretary of State Knox because of the urgency of the Mexican situation, and the Magdalena bay problem, but for the rest of the day the President was busy preparing the bomb which, it is declared, will "blow former President Roosevelt off the political map."

The material Mr. Taft is to explode is not of the usual class of political propaganda, it is explained, but something which will really cause a grave scandal.

Mr. Taft's spokesmen say that the President would have taken quicker action in the matter but for the fact that the sinking of the Titanic displaced public attention. It was decided that the President had better wait until the country quit mourning over the frightful sea tragedy.

The politicians think the time is now ripe, however, or will be by the time that Mr. Taft reaches Massachusetts on Thursday.

The President and his friends feel that they still have a slight hope for victory if that State gives him a majority of its delegates. Like drowning men catching at straws they declare that if Massachusetts goes for Taft the Roosevelt landslide will be effectively checked.

In the pursuance of this belief, therefore, all the old war horses and standpatters in the Administration

ranked who have any influence at all in the State will be present at the polls when the primaries are held on April 30. There will be no scarcity of money with which to buy the troubled seas, and every leader will be on the job personally.

The Taft leaders say, in this connection, that Illinois would not have gone as it did, and Pennsylvania might have returned a far different showing had the President's campaign managers been vigilantly alert to the situation.

In addition to all this Mr. Taft will inspire the voters of the State of Massachusetts by the force of his personality and such arguments as may be able to bring to bear in his speeches at Springfield, Worcester, and Boston. He will go to these cities on Thursday.

Mr. Taft has been influenced to take up the personal plan of campaign, it is declared by his friends, who say that unless he does "go after Teddy" all is lost.

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## ASSESSOR POINTS OUT FAULTS IN TAX SYSTEM OF DISTRICT

Richards Tells Committee Complaints Are Just.

## LONG SENTENCE FOR CONFESSED SLAYER

Twenty-seven years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed on Wade Baker, colored, who pleaded guilty before Justice Anderson in Criminal Court No. 1, to murder in the second degree. He choked his wife to death last July at her home, 112 M street southwest.

Dominic Pansa was sentenced to fifteen years in prison on his conviction of attempted assault on a five-year-old girl. Thaddeus John Johnson, colored, received the same sentence, the limit, for an attempted assault on a seven-year-old girl.

Bessie Pemberton received a sentence of one year and three months in the penitentiary when she pleaded guilty to manslaughter in connection with the death of her infant last August.

## NATION MAY RAISE GREAT MEMORIAL TO DISASTER'S HERO

Whole Country Likely to Be Asked to Contribute to Fund for Monument for Major Butt, Who Gave Life for Others.

An agitation has been started at the White House among the friends of Major Archibald Butt for the erection of a memorial monument in this city for the President's late military aide, who gave up his life for others on the Titanic.

It is planned to make the project a national tribute to the heroic officer, and to have Congress pass an appropriation of \$200,000 for the purpose.

John Hays Hammond, who is a personal friend of President Taft, is one of those who has enlisted himself in the movement.

"I meant to start a private subscription fund for the purpose," he said at the White House today, "but I think it would be much more appropriate and fitting if Congress took the initiative. The memorial would then take on the nature of a national tribute. Major Butt's conduct was that of a hero and deserves official recognition."

The War Department today gave out a letter written by Mr. Taft while he was a member of the Philippine Commission in 1901, recommending Major Butt for appointment as a captain and assistant quartermaster in the United States Army. The letter was written to the Secretary of War and read as follows:

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of War.  
Sir: I have great pleasure in commending to you for appointment as captain and assistant quartermaster in the United States Regular Army, Archibald W. Butt. He now fills this position in the United States volunteers, and is in charge of land transportation in the City of Manila. I have had occasion to know something about the very great efficiency with which Captain Butt has discharged his duties, and the respect and approval which he has merited and won from his superior officers. In discussing the matter with General MacArthur he said to me that I should certainly make no mistake in recommending Captain Butt for the position to which he aspires.

His experience here has been most valuable to him, and it seems a pity by the mere lapse of the volunteer law to lose an officer who has demonstrated his

capacity to do things and to meet difficulties which present themselves in a situation, with the means he had at hand, without sitting down to wait for somebody else to furnish additional instruments. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Liked By Roosevelt.  
The Secretary of the Navy also disclosed a memorandum expressing the highest respect of former President Roosevelt for the military aide. Mr. Roosevelt said in a letter that Captain Butt was possessed of unusual ability and was "exceptionally tactful and diplomatic."

"He is an exceptionally able and efficient officer and if ever again it should befall me to command troops I should desire him to serve under me," concluded Mr. Roosevelt.

Expressions of the greatest praise of the unfortunate military aide's high character, bravery and efficiency continued to be heard on all sides at the White House and at the State, War and Navy Building today.

Captain McCoy, U. S. A., today made public a telegram received from Mr. Roosevelt which read in part: "Am deeply shocked and grieved about poor Archie."

Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Secretary of War Stimson today contributed additional statements of sorrow over the drowning of Major Butt. Both declared that no finer officer and braver man ever lived.

Negotiations are on today to obtain one of the largest theaters in Washington for the memorial service May 5 for Major Butt.

A large auditorium will be necessary for it is agreed that the memorial service will be the largest ever conducted in the city under Masonic auspices.

In Other Cities.  
Besides the service here May 5, which must be in the afternoon if a theater is to be utilized, services in memory of Major Butt will be held in two other cities, Sewanee, Tenn., where Major Butt attended the University of the South, and Augusta, Ga., where Major Butt grew to manhood. At Sewanee the exercises will be held a week from tomorrow, but at Augusta the date is not settled.

Service was held yesterday of commemorative nature in Tampa, Fla., where Major Butt was stationed during the Spanish-American war for a time and where he had many friends. Company F, of the Second Florida National Guard, directed the service.

President Taft will attend and speak at the Temple Lodge exercises here and it is probable that Henry Watterson will be another speaker. Invitations will go out today to a number of other prominent men who will talk of Major Butt's home life in Georgia, of the major as a newspaper man, as a soldier, and as a Mason.

President Taft probably will give an intimate sketch of Major Butt's character, based on his familiar knowledge of the soldier who was drowned when the Titanic went down. Chairman of committees announced for the memorial here are C. K. Berryman, speakers: Stirling Kerr, Jr., tickets: Merritt O. Chance, special invitations: Matthew Trimble, grand bodies: W. W. Price, publicity: Percy S. Foster, music: W. H. Rapley, decorations: Frank P. Sperry, membership attendance.

Charles E. Keene, grand master of (Continued on Second Page.)

### TITANIC WARNED OF ICEBERGS SUNDAY NIGHT

Wireless Operator Bride Tells Senators Message Was Sent to Bridge.

### DELAY IN SENDING NEWS OF DISASTER

Details of Sinking Flashed to Baltic at 10:30 Monday, Testifies Carpathia Operator.

NEW YORK, April 20.—That news of the Titanic disaster was sent from the Carpathia at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning to the steamer Baltic of the White Star line and that none of these details reached the shore until Monday evening was one of the startling points revealed in the testimony to the Senate investigating committee today.

It was also developed that the Titanic had been warned to look out for icebergs Sunday evening. Harold Bride, assistant wireless operator on the ill-fated ship, testified that he sent a copy of the message of warning to the bridge.

A frank admission that the steamship Californian had tried to report icebergs to him was made by the operator. He said he had been too busy at the time to take the report. He was making out reports and heard "M. W. L.," which was the Californian, call him, saying he had an ice report.

Message of Warning.  
"I was busy and I did not answer at the time. Half an hour later I heard the same operator transmitting an ice report to the Baltic, and I copied it. I thought it was the same message that I refused previously, but as it was not official I did not copy it in the book, although a copy was sent to the bridge. Whether Captain Smith received it or not, I do not know. It told of three great bergs in a certain latitude and longitude, which I do not now remember."

The delay of more than twelve hours in getting news of the Titanic disaster ashore, and the cruel reassurance messages that came through the White Star offices all day Monday were the subjects about which Thomas Cottam, the wireless operator of the Carpathia, was questioned.

Cottam said he himself flashed the details to the liner Baltic at 10:30 Monday morning. The Carpathia was then out of touch with land stations. None of these details, no word that a thousand or more had gone down with the Titanic, reached the shore until Monday evening.

"I sent several messages to the Baltic," said Cottam, answering questions by Senator Smith. "But I kept no record of these. There were many of them, and I was too busy sending. At 10:30 Monday morning I sent all of the details to the Baltic. It was the whole story. The Baltic was then coming toward the wreck. I told of the total loss of the Titanic, and of the rescue of those who were picked up. I told them we were going to New York."

Smith Seeks Facts.  
Senator Smith then made an attempt to get some line on the reassuring news of Monday afternoon that the Titanic was being towed into Halifax.

"Did you send anything in any of your messages about Halifax?" he asked.

"I think that one of my early messages said we might take the survivors into Halifax. That was talked of at (Continued on Second Page.)

IN CONGRESS TODAY

SENATE.  
Senate met at 2 o'clock.  
Wheel tax bill introduced by Senator Martine applying to automobiles and motor vehicles in the District.

Foreign Relations Committee meets and Titanic matter discussed.  
Public utilities bill expected to be brought up this afternoon.

Outlook for passage of steel bill good.  
HOUSE.  
The House met at noon.

Debate on Henry bill begun, requiring publicity of contributions to candidates for the Presidential nomination.

A resolution from the Cuban Senate of sympathy on Titanic disaster was read.

Congressman Wilson, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial from the Seamen's Union, asking Congress to enact more stringent laws for navigation.

District Committee resumed investigation of the District taxation system.